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Windsor Oct 23d. 1783

By His Excellency Thomas Chittenden, Esqr;
Captain-General, Governor and Commander in Chief, in and o
the State of Vermont

A Proclamation

The supreme Governor of the Universe, having been pleased, in hi
righteous and merciful Providence, to afford us, his People,
various Manifestations of his Goodness, giving us Occasion to rejo
and give Thanks at the Remembrance of his Loving Kindness;
it becomes us, at all Times, to devote ourselves to him, and with
due Acknowledgments to] render Praise to his Name; especiall
at the present Aera, when, notwithstanding our Provocations
and Unworthiness, he is affording us distinguishing Expressions
of his Faithfulness, putting a happy Period to our late Distresses,
and doing great things for us — Whereof we are glad.

I, HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Cou
and at the Request of the General Assembly of this State, to appoin
THURSDAY the Thirteenth Day of November next, to be
observed as a Day of public Thanksgiving and Praise to
Almighty GOD; And I do hereby call upon and strictly req
all Persons, of every Denomination, residing within this
State, duly to observe and keep said Day, that we may, w
United Hearts and Voices gratefully acknowledge the abund
Goodness of our GOD, in the repeated Tokens of his Mercy
towards us: That he has preserved so many of our Lives the year
past, and blest us with such Enjoyment of Health in our
Dwellings; That in the Course of the late War he has afforded the
Interposition of his Providence, in our Protection from a powerfu
Enemy, when we were few in Number, and destitute of human
Aid; preserved this State from the Machinations of designin
Men — pleased to own our just Cause, preserve our Libert
and Independence, direct our Councils, bless the Administra
of civil Government, and preserve so much Unity and Pea
among ourselves: That he has blest the Labours of our H

- given us a competent former and latter Harvest; That he has been pleased to afford us in our Land a happy Issue from the Distresses of War — so ruling the Councils of the late belligerent Powers, as to cause a Cessation of Hostilities. and a delightful Prospect of the settlement of Peace upon an equitable, honorable, and lasting Basis: That we are favoured with a preached Gospel in our Land, manifesting that GOD has purposes of Mercy and Goodness towards us: That he has filled our Hearts, with Gladness. and crowned the Year with singular Expressions of his Loving-Kindness and tender Mercy

And at the same Time humbly to implore the Divine Favour: that GOD would graciously continue to us the Blessings we enjoy. and remove the Calamities which yet attend us — turn us from our evil Ways — bless all Orders of Men — bless the Administration of civil Government in this State — bring forward its settlement — bless the Means of Grace — raise up and send faithful Labourers into his Harvest — succeed the Means of Education — cause that lasting and increasing Harmony may subsist between this and the United States of America — prevent new Out-Breakings of War in Europe — greatly exalt the peaceable Kingdom of JESUS. that the Distresses of War may come to a final End, and the whole Earth be filled with his Glory. All servile Labour is forbidden on said Day. Given under my Hand in the Council Chamber at Westminster. this 16th Day of October 1783.

Thomas Chittenden

By his Excellency's Command

Lot Hall Sec Pro Tem

God save the PEOPLE